by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), the number of applications (State/Union Territory-wise) received, sanctioned, rejected/closed/withdrawn under its direct finance schemes is given at Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 46].

(c) The details of assistance (State/Union Territory-wise) sanctioned and disbursed under direct finance schemes by IDBI during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 47].

Loan to SSI Units in Andhra Pradesh

1988. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of loan applications received from Small Scale Industries by the Public Sector Banks in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the amounts sanctioned thereof;

(b) whether the above Banks have provided loans to the small scale industries in time to avoid sickness in the Industry;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the action proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent available.

सूचना देने वालों को इनाम दिया जाना

1989. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटल :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तस्करों से विभिन्न प्रकार का माल पकड़ा जाता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सूचना देने वाले या संबंधित स्टाफ के व्यक्तियों को पकड़े गये माल के मूल्य के अनुसार इनाम देने का कोई प्रावधान हैं; यदि हां; तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) पकड़े गए नशीले पदार्थों के मामले में इनाम की राशि बहुत कम रखे जाने के क्या करण हैं ;

(घ) क्या सरकार हथियार और गोला-बारूद पकड़े जाने पर कोई इनाम देती है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां । सोना, चांदी और नशीले पदार्थों को छोड़कर, जिनके लिए पुरस्कार इन पदार्थों की शुद्धता और वजन के आधार पर दिये जाते हैं, पकड़े गये माल के मूल्य के 20% तक के पुरस्कार के लिए सूचना-दाता और सरकारी कर्मचारी पात्र है । दी गई पुरस्कार की वास्तविक धनराशि सूचना को एकत्र करने और उसे तैयार करने में उठाये गये जोखिम और सूचना की सत्यता पर निर्भर करती है ।

(ग) भारत के अवैध बाजार में नशीले पदार्थों के अनुमानित मूल्य के अनुपात में नशीले पदार्थों के लिए पुरस्कारों की दरें निर्धारित की गई हैं और उन्हें कम नहीं समझा जाता है ।

(घ) जी, हां ।

(ङ) उपर्युक्त (घ) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Permission for Euro Issues Lapsed

1990. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that permission to certain companies for Euro issues has lapsed and that certain companies have backed out;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the consequential impact so far as international investors are concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) The guidelines for Euro issues provide for a specific validity period for Government of India's approvals. The approvals granted if not operated upon within a stipulated period, lapse thereafter unless revalidated by the Government of India. Of the 86 proposals for Euro issues which have hitherto been granted final approval by the Government, validity in respect of 10 proposals has lapsed. Of another 35 proposals which have been granted 'in principle approval' validity in respect of 9 proposals has lapsed, and 2 proposals have been withdrawn.

(c) The international investors' perception of, and interest in, Indian equity is a function of several variables, including exogenous factors like the movements in United States interest rates and the attractiveness of another emerging market equities. A reduction in the number of Indian companies accessing the Euro Market is likely to elicit a better response for the companies which access the market.

Permission Accorded to Gujarat to issue Irrigation Bonds

1991. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India accorded permission to Government of Gujarat to issue irrigation bonds to raise money from the public:

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the current policy, issue of public sector bonds is restricted to only those undertakings which are wholly or partly owned by Central Government.

SC/ST Officers in Syndicate Bank

1992. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in pursuance of the judgement of Supreme Court, the Syndicate Bank provided reservation for SC/ST Officers in promotion and communicated vide its circular No. 101/91/BC/HRDD/10/MPRDS dated the 19th April, 1991 ;

(b) whether Syndicate Bank have withdrawn established reservation in promotion in interscale, within officers cadre with effect from 1st November, 1990 on 28th April, 1993; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) In pursuance of the Supreme Court judgement dated 10th August 1990 in the Writ Petition No. 847/87 filed by Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees' Association versus Union of India and others, Syndicate Bank provided for reservations in favour of SC/ST in promotions within its officers cadre.

(b) and (c) Following the Department of Personnel & Training instructions dated 1st November 1990 to the effect that there is no reservation in promotions based on selection method within Group A posts, Syndicate Bank discontinued reservations in promotions within its officers cadre A contempt petition filed by Syndicate Bank SC/ST Employees Association before the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the officers of the bank and others was dismissed by the latter on 19th July 1993.

Delay in Clearing of Refunds for Deemed Exports

1993. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI P. UPENDRA :
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SMT. MIRA DAS :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that undue delay [illegible] refunds for the deemed exports wherein the local manufacturers have paid excise and customs for the raw material used and the products made for exports;

(b) what is the amount to be cleared under this refund scheme known as supplementary CCS (Cash Compensatory Support);

(c) what are the reasons for undue delay;

(d) what is the actual time stipulated for refund; and

(e) whether Government would compensate for the officer's negligence in clearing the refund dues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Yes Sir. Some delay has occurred in clearing the refund for deemed exports.

(b) The amount, to be cleared under deemed export incentives, is Rs. 243.49 crores only as on 1-12-1994.

(c) to (e) Allocation of funds in a staggered manner is the main reason for delay in clearing the cases. As and when funds are received, the claims are paid immediately after necessary scrutiny. There is no negligence on the part of officers.

Income Tax Collections

1994. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Income Tax Department has re-designed its strategies to step up its collections during the current fiscal year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these strategies would enable the Government to achieve its target fixed for the current fiscal year;

(d) whether these strategies would not harass and embarrass the general public;

(e) wheher these strategies provide that no inconvenience would be caused to non-tax payers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the measures to be taken in case these strategies are misused ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The Income Tax Department is poised to collect substantial increase in collection in direct taxes, which is sought to be achieved by the following means—

(a) Drive to increase collections specially through TDS;

(b) Drive to widen the tax base;

(c) Computerisation; and

(d) Enforcing accountability.